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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (SUBJECT)

E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: PGOV SCUL PINS WB GW GE UR US UK FR  
SUBJECT: WRAPPING UP THE REICHSTAG

1. BULGARIAN-BORN U.S. CITIZEN CHRISTO JAVACHEFF, OR  
JUST CHRISTO AS HE CALLS HIMSELF, HAS PLANNED FOR PAST  
FEW YEARS TO WRAP HISTORIC REICHSTAG BUILDING IN BERLIN  
IN PLASTIC. CHRISTO, WHO NOW RESIDES IN U.S. WITH  
HIS FRENCH WIFE, CREATED INTER ALIA TWENTY-FOUR MILE  
LONG RUNNING FENCE IN CALIFORNIA, WHICH SUBJECT OF RECENT  
NEW YORKER FEATURE ( MARCH ISSUE).

2. FOR PAST TWO MONTHS, ALLIES INBERLIN HAVE BEEN  
TANGENTIALLY INVOLVED WITH REICHSTAG PROJECT, CONSIDERING  
EXTENT IT COULD INVOLVE PUBLIC ORDER OR STATUS (REAR OF  
REICHSTAG ABUTS ON BOUNDARY BETWEEN BRITISH AND SOVIET  
SECTORS OF BERLIN. CHRISTO MET WITH ALLIED OFFICIALS  
ON MAY 23 TO EXPLAIN HIS PROJECT. S NOTED IN MEMO  
POUCHED TO EUR/CE, ALLIESBELIEVE THAT PRIMARY RESPON-  
SIBILITY FOR DECISION MUST REST WITH GERMANS, SPECI-  
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FICALLY PRESIDENT OF BUNDESTAG AND BUNDESTAG PRESIDUM  
SINCE THAT BODY CONTROLS REICHSTAG BUILDING.

3. ALL BERLIN PAPERS REPORTED ON MAY 28 THAT BUNDESTAG  
PRESIDENT CARSTENS HAS DECIDED THAT CHRISTO MAY NOT  
EVELOPE REICHSTAG BUILDING IN WRAPPING. WHILE  
PRAISING ARTISTIC IDEA, CARSTENS FELT THIS SYMBOL OF

NATIONAL UNITY SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO INEVITABLE  
SHARP CONTROVERSY. CHRISTO WAS QUOTED IN MAY 31 BERLIN  
PAPER AS SAYING HE HOPED CARSTENS WOULD RECONSIDER.  
CHRISTO ADDED THAT HE IS STILL DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT  
REICHSTAG PROJECT. ( IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT  
CHRISTO CONSIDERS THAT CONTROVERSY OVER HIS PROJECTS  
ENHANCES THEIR ARTISTIC VALUE). DESPITE OUR OWN CLEAR  
STAND, HE MAY AGAIN APPEAL TO ALLIES AS SOVEREIGN  
POWERS IN BERLIN TO OVERRULE CARSTENS' DECISION.  
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